

Media outreach highlights

Featured letters to the editor

Media supporting members of Congress

Throughout the U.S., CCL groups generate letters to the editor, op-eds, and other media for climate solutions. When members of Congress step up and take action, our volunteers acknowledge their efforts in local publications. Here are a few examples.

By the numbers

June 2017-June 2018

3,425

Letters to the editor published in newspapers by CCL volunteers

590

Op-eds published from CCL volunteers and staff

344

Articles about CCL published in newspapers

36

Meetings CCL held with newspaper editorial boards

55

Newspaper editorials generated by CCL

NORTHFIELDNEWS.com May 28, 2018

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Northfield Citizens' Climate Lobby to meet members of Congress

Several members of the Northfield chapter of Citizens' Climate lobby will go to Washington, D.C. in early June.

They are travelling to Washington by train, by car and by plane because they are committed to the group's goal of bringing Republicans and Democrats together to get national action on climate change. At the Citizens' Climate Lobby international conference, they will receive training on how to communicate about climate change and climate solutions.

Bruce Morlan, Alan Anderson and Janet Petri are conference veterans. Howard White and Katie Schroerer, a Northfield High School sophomore, will be attending for the first time.

On June 12 they will put their new training into practice when they meet with members of Congress

and their staffs on Capitol Hill. There are some encouraging trends, Petri reported.

Minnesota Republican Representative Erik Paulsen has joined the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus. This caucus now has 78 members, 39 Republicans and 39 Democrats. Representative Rick Nolan, A Minnesota Democrat, is also a member. White, along with Petri, the Northfield chapter co-leader, said, "I am involved in this issue for my grandchildren. We need to live in harmony with all of creation in order to preserve a habitable Earth for future generations."

The Northfield Citizens' Climate Lobby members hope that their work in Washington will help more to move Congress toward the group's goal of a revenue-neutral carbon fee, with 100 percent of the fee returned to households. For more information on

Daily Herald May 24, 2018

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for joining caucus on climate

Who said this?: "We have one earth and it's up to all of us to take care of it. Being a good steward of our own planet bears great significance. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to understand the impacts and challenges that come from a changing climate. The Climate Solutions Caucus is a bipartisan venue to enact common sense solutions."

My congressman, **Peter Roskam of the 6th District**. Rep. Roskam joined this bipartisan last week, not long after his fellow Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren of the 14th District joined on Earth day.

Climate Change is a serious problem for everyone. It needs a bipartisan solution. As a constituent of District 6, I support efforts from both parties to take positive action, and I am pleased that congressman Roskam has stepped up to be a climate advocate.

With more and more Republicans joining the effort to reduce climate risk, I am more and more hopeful that progress can be made. Thanks, Rep. Roskam, for taking a positive step toward finding a solution.

Mark Ailes
Lombard



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congrats, Rep. Hultgren

Congratulations to **Rep. Randy Hultgren**, R-IL 14. Just 10 days ago, we asked our Congressional representatives to use Earth Day 2018 as a forum to join the U.S. House of Representatives Climate Solutions Caucus. We're pleased that Rep. Hultgren did so.

Engaging in civil, bipartisan talks to address climate change is critical. Rep. Hultgren's interest in our national laboratories, in particular, and his membership on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee can make important contributions. We hope Hultgren can stand against the erosion of earth and space science necessary to form effective climate response.

Rep. Hultgren joins the caucus with a Democrat colleague in the house, Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-07), bringing the membership to 74 representatives, evenly split between the two

Rep. Hultgren's emphasis on engineered solutions to climate change is important but cannot be the sole approach. The Citizens' Climate Lobby proposes a Carbon Fee and Dividend (1) to reduce greenhouse gases attributable to the sharp rise in temperatures through the Industrial Age, science supported by former climate skeptic Professor Richard Muller (2).

Time is critical and the U.S. needs to re-engage with the rest of the world. Rep. Hultgren has answered the calls our chapter has submitted to him from hundreds of citizens — residents, business leaders, faith leaders and local politicians, including 17 members of the McHenry County Board — who recognize that we're already responding to negative effects of climate change.

Jack Shipley

McHenry County Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Climate fights need bipartisanship

I completely agree with Sunday's State Journal editorial, "A lot more cooperation is needed," about Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

I recently listened to a podcast from Citizens' Climate Lobby about research by Celia Paris on American attitudes about bipartisanship. Incumbents running for re-election should note her finding that Americans are more open to voting for the opposite party when the candidate is bipartisan.

Wisconsin's representatives should follow the lead of Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher of Green Bay, and join the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus. Members work across the aisle to find solutions to climate change that both parties can support. They are beginning to sponsor legislation together. But you can't join this caucus alone -- you have to do it with a member of the other party.

So far, a whopping 37 pairs of Republicans and Democrats have joined.

Reps. Sean Duffy, R-Wausau, Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls, and Glenn Grothman, R-Glenbeulah, should each invite one of their Wisconsin Democratic colleagues to join the Climate Solutions Caucus with them. It's time to work together on the costly problems of our changing climate. And as Celia Paris found, when you work cooperatively, it increases our confidence in your work.

Let's put the best ideas of both parties together and get something done.

Madeleine Para, Madison

